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From: paulhl@sbcglobal.net
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Wed, Feb 5, 2003 5:10 PM
Subject: re: Une-P survival

Our company is a Master Agent for a UNE-P provider. **As** a newer upstart company we have been in business for a year and a half. A major part of our income comes from selling UNE-P products. It will be a detriment to our and many others companies in an already unstable and crumbling economy.

Sincerely,

Paul Heim

Broadband Direct

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From: Norm Mason
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Wed, Feb 5, 2003 12:30 PM
Subject: Une-p

Dear Commissioner Abernathy:

Please see the attached letter pertaining to your review of UNE-p

Thank you,

**Norman D. Mason, CEO
Cat Communications International, Inc.
dba CCI**

Ms. Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC
February 5, 2003

Dear Commissioner Abernathy:

I am the CEO of a CLEC (Cat Communications International, Inc. dba CCI) which provides residential local exchange services (as well as long distance) to credit challenged low income consumers. CCI is one of the largest providers of residential local service to this segment of the economy throughout thirty (30) states.

In our on-going effort to provide ever better and cheaper local service to our customer base, UNE-p has come to be an essential element by which we can and do pass on additional saving to our customers. Without UNE-p we would be forced to increase charges or reduce the grade of service we can offer our local customers. Resale discounts typically do not reflect a true "avoided cost". Resale, on the contrary, is the most expensive way by which companies such as ours can make local phone service affordable to low income families. The history of residential service prior to the advent of UNE-p stands as clear evidence there will be no local residential competition at all without the assist provided by the availability of UNE-p. Only when access line densities or revenues reach certain levels of concentration can local residential service competition survive without UNE-p.

I urge you and the entire Commission to move with the greatest of care when addressing the importance of UNE-p for companies such as ours which has made affordable local residential phone service a reality for over 100,000 low income families.

I thank you for your kind attention on this very critical matter.

Sincerely,

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From: Kathleen Abernathy
To: KAQUINN
Date: Wed, Feb 5.2003 10:00 PM
Subject: Fwd: UNE-Platform

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From: Gsbcomm2000@aol.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Wed, Feb 5.2003 10:00 PM
Subject: UNE-Platform

Commissioner Abernathy:

Please give your full support to continued availability of the UNE-Platform. I have been a telecom consultant since 1993 in Southern California, and encourage you to vote to keep this vehicle available for local phone service competition

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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From: Hank Warren
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, Feb 5, 2003 3:53 PM
Subject: Competition In Local Phones and Broadband

Henry E. Warren

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February 5, 2003

Michael K. Powell

Chairman

Federal Communications Commission

445 12th Street, S.W.

Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Commissioner Powell:

I'm writing on behalf of the important interests of Maine's 193,000+ AARP members. Both issues of concern in this letter are important to keeping communication available and affordable in Maine.

As you are aware, Maine is a primarily rural "edge" state where we endure long winters and make great, and increasing, use of telephone and internet communications. Further, Maine is 38th in our great land in per capita income and suffers from a declining population and uncertain economy.

Therefore the cost and quality of telephone service are both very important to our members. AARP believes the best assurance for both is a wide-open, fair, competitive marketplace with a number of providers on a level playing field competing for customers. Maine does not have such at this time yet we hope the regulatory environment will result in a competitive market so we may partake of its advantages.

It is my understanding that the FCC is considering removing current requirements that local phone

companies (primarily Verizon here in Maine) lease portions of their facilities to competitors. It is also my understanding that such a move would tie our state's hands at imposing this fairness measure on a state level.

Therefore I'm writing to ask your support for continuing the current policy which will allow competitors to have access to lines in the short term as they develop their own facilities to provide long term service to consumers.

The second issue I'm writing to support is the continuation of the regulation of DSL providers to ensure competition and to regulate broadband providers to assure they also provide customers "open access" to more than one choice of a provider

Older people in Maine use the internet to, among other things, work from home, monitor their medical conditions, do research on the World Wide Web and interactive video. It helps reduce our isolation - for many young people have been leaving Maine in search of better employment elsewhere. As long experience shows, affordability and quality depend on a vital and competitive marketplace.

Please do your best to support competition in broadband, DSL and the local telephone market. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Henry E. Warren

CC: sjennings@aarp.org



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sharon Jenkins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent vertical stroke for the letter 'S' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

From: HRYSCZENKO, NICK I (AIT)
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, Feb 5, 2003 11:32 AM
Subject: Rate hikes.

Mr. Powell,

I work for a company that is laying off like crazy right now. Everyday I read in the paper how thousands and thousands of other people are losing their jobs too. With everyone losing their jobs, why is it that the phone company is being allowed to raise my phone rates? The cable company is raising their rates? Broadband access was too high to begin with and now when I need it for college they increased the rates again? Is this their idea of stimulating the economy or something? By laying off their work forces and hiking their rates? I was just trying to look for something to try and understand what is going on and seeing as these are all big communications companies, I was hoping someone at the FCC might be able to help me understand why this is being allowed to happen, especially now.

Thank you for your time,
Nick

From: Kathleen Abernathy
To: KAUINN
Date: Wed, Feb 5, 2003 2:09 PM
Subject: Fwd: <No Subject>

From: district37@sov.state.va.us
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Wed, Feb 5, 2003 2:09 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

The Honorable Kathleen Q. Abernathy
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission

Re: UNE-P Rules and Local Phone Competition

Dear Commissioner Abernathy:

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Any effort to restrict UNE-P line sharing rules will choke off the only feasible avenue for competition for local telephone service. It is my understanding that the two other methods available to competitors under the Act, either building a parallel network or purchasing services from a Bell for resale to consumers, have proven to be economically unrealistic in the marketplace.

While cable television may offer an alternative for local phone service, only some consumers will find cable a viable option. Many consumers either do not have access to cable or are uninterested in (or cannot afford) the bundled services (entertainment packages that include telephone service) currently offered by the cable industry.

Consumers in many states now enjoy lower phone prices and better value because of the availability of UNE-P. My constituents and other Virginians throughout our Commonwealth, however, are still waiting for the most part to obtain the lower prices and expanded services that were expected from the passage of the Act. Virginia's State Corporation Commission should be permitted to establish UNE prices in Virginia. Fair and reasonable UNE rates will open up true competition in the local phone market with better prices and more choices for consumers.

Sincerely,

Ken Cuccinelli
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From: Deanne Costanzo
To: Mike **Powell**
Date: Wed, Feb 5, 2003 4:25 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

Thanks!

Deanne Costanzo

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February 5th, 2003

Dear Chairman Michael Powell:

I ask your support for the continued availability of the "UNE-Platform."

My company, Access One, offers local telephone service in the SBC territories. The company has achieved increasing success largely because it utilizes the combination of "unbundled network elements" – the UNE-Platform – to serve customers. It is absolutely critical that we have continued access to the UNE-Platform to remain competitive.

Unfortunately, the Regional Bell Operating Companies have launched a full-scale attack on the UNE-Platform, realizing it is a major threat to their continued market dominance. Their **strategy** is to impose certain restrictions on individual network elements that would destroy the competitive value of the UNE-Platform. If the RBOCs succeed, it will all but end any chance for consumers to enjoy the benefits of meaningful competition in local phone service.

Please oppose any effort at the Federal Communications Commission or at state agencies to limit the availability of the UNE-Platform. The UNE-Platform should be firmly and permanently established as a viable service option for competitive telecom carriers.

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Deanne Costanzo
Accounts Receivables
Access One Incorporated

From: Ken Gilbert
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, Feb 5, 2003 4:44 PM
Subject: <No Subject>



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Sincerely,

Ken Gilbert
National Sales Director
Access One Incorporated

From: Kathleen Abernathy
To: KAUINN
Date: Wed, Feb 5, 2003 5:10 PM
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February 5.2003

Dear Mr. Adelstein,

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Brad James
President
Iames Communications